

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 934

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative John Forgety for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative John Forgety of Athens is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, Representative Forgety is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of McMinn and Monroe counties, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, John Forgety has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 23rd House District, whom he has served as a member of the 107th, 108th, 109th, and 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, John Forgety has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Forgety has rendered sterling service as chair of the House Education Instruction and Programs Committee and as a member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Civil Justice Committee, the House Agriculture

Committee, the House Education Committee, the House Children and Family Affairs Committee, the House Ethics Committee, and the House Education Instruction and Programs Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Forgety is a family man and community leader who has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in community service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, a former superintendent of schools for McMinn County, Dr. John Forgety earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Maryville College, obtained his Master of Arts and Education Specialist degrees at Tennessee Technological University, and completed his doctorate in Education at Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Representative Forgety proudly served in the Tennessee Army National Guard from 1986 until 2006, and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit, and the Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Service Medal for his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom III; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he donates his time and energies to a number of civic, community, and charitable organizations, including the Athens Kiwanis Club, which he served as president, and International MooFest, which he served as chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Representative Forgety was named the Athens Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 2008 and recognized as the Tennessee Superintendent of the Year in 2007; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, John Forgety has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, committed to building a better future for all, Representative Forgety has often shared his favorite poem, "The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole, with his colleagues at the State Capitol as they worked to build lasting solutions to problems facing the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, John Forgety is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife and their two children; and

WHEREAS, Representative John Forgety is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative John Forgety for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 23rd House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.